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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: HARASHINA et al

Entitled: POLYACETAL RESIN COMPOSITION AND MOLDINGS

and including attachments as noted below:

Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract

51 pages of specification and claims (including 18 numbered claims), and

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
349920/1996	Japan	27 December 1996
PCT/JP97/04758		22 December 1997

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

A certified copy of the Japanese priority document was filed with the International Bureau.

This application is a division of Application No. 09/319,186, filed June 2, 1999, which in turn was the US national phase of international application PCT/JP97/04758 filed 22 December 1997which designated the U.S., the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

The prior application is assigned to Polyplastics Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A PTO-1449 is also attached listing the citations. Please initial, date and return a copy of the PTO-1449. Pursuant to Rule 98(d), copies of the listed citations have not been provided.

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